

What is claimed is:

1. An image printing system comprising:

an image editing device that carries out editing and printing of images;

5 a link processing device that allows obtaining a desired image by linking to a WWW server that provides the image to be edited and printed in said image editing device;

a record search device that tabulates records of editing and printing processing that has been carried out using said image editing device on the images obtained from
10 said WWW server; and

a link destination selection device that selects link destinations in said link processing device based on the tabulation results of said record search device and reports this to said link processing device; and wherein

said link processing device sets the link destinations based on the link
15 destinations reported from said link destination selection device.

2. An image processing method comprising:

an image editing step of carrying out editing and printing of an image;

a link processing step of obtaining a desired image by linking to a WWW server
20 that provides the image to be edited and printed in the said image editing step;

a record step of tabulating the records of editing and printing processing that has been carried out by using said image editing device on the image obtained from said WWW server;

a step of selecting link destinations in said link processing step based on the
25 tabulation results of said record search step; and

a step of setting the link destinations in the link processing step based on these selected link destinations.

3. An image printing program that carries out the following processes on a computer:

5 an image editing process in which the editing and printing of an image is carried out;

a link process that allows obtaining a desired image by linking to a WWW server that provides the image to be edited and printed in said image editing process;

a record search process that tabulates records of editing and printing processing
10 that has been carried out using the image editing process on the image obtained from said WWW server; and

a process in which link destinations in said link process are selected based on the tabulated results of said record search process and link destinations in the link process are set based on these selected link destinations.

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4. An image printing system according to claim 1 wherein said record search device tabulates as records the users that obtained images from said WWW server, the accessed images, and the access counts, and using as a key the users who have accessed a plurality of said accessed images, search WWW servers that provide a plurality of said accessed
20 images that have an access count higher than a predetermined value.

5. An image printing system according to claim 4 wherein said record search device tabulates as records the dates and times that images were obtained from said WWW server, and using as a key the users who obtained a plurality of said accessed images on
25 dates and times falling within a predetermined range, searches a plurality of said

accessed images that have an access count higher than a predetermined value and searches WWW servers that provide a plurality of said accessed images.

6. An image printing system according to claim 5 that further comprises a memory device that stores attribute data of said users, and said record search device, using as a key said attribute data, searches a plurality of said accessed images that have an access count higher than a predetermined value and searches WWW servers providing a plurality of said accessed images.
7. An image printing system according to claim 1 wherein said record search device tabulates as a record the users who have obtained images from said WWW servers, the edited and printed images that were edited and printed by using said image editing device, and the edit and print count, and using as a key the users who printed and edited a plurality of said edited and printed images, searches a plurality of said edited and printed images having an edit and print count greater than a certain value and searches WWW servers that provide the plurality of said edited and printed images.

8. An image printing system according to claim 7 wherein said record search device tabulates as records the dates and times that editing and printing processing was carried out by using said image printing device, and using as a key the users who edited and printed a plurality of said edited and printed images on dates and times falling within a predetermined range, searches WWW servers that provide a plurality of said edited and printed images having an edit and print count that is greater than a predetermined value.

9. An image printing system according to claim 8 that further comprises a memory

device that stores the attribute data of said users, and wherein said record search device, using as a key said attribute data, searches a plurality of said edited and printed images having an edit and print count that is greater than a predetermined value and searches WWW servers that provide a plurality of said edited and printed images.